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- 1. THE DANISH WIRE SERVICE, RITZAU'S BUREAU, REPORTED AUGUST 11
 THAT TWO MEMBERS OF THE DANISH COMMUNI T LABOR PARTY (KAP) PETER
 BISCHOFF AND SVEND AAGE MADSEN, RETURNED TO DENMARK AFTER A VISIT
 TO KAMPUCHEA. KAP IS THE DANISH MAOIST-LENINIST PARTY.
- 2. BISCHOFF AND MADSEN WERE RECEIVED IN PHNOM PENH BY PRIME MINISTER POL POT AND NUON CHEA, DEPUTY SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE KAMPUCHEAN COMMUNIST PARTY, WHO INFORMED THEM THAT KAMPUCHEA WAS PREPARED TO RE-INTRODUCE A MONETARY UNIT "ONCE THE PEOPLE DECIDE

THIS IS NECESSARY". BANK NOTES ALREADY HAD BEEN PRINTED, BISCHOFF AND MADSEN WERE TOLD.

3. ACCORDING TO RITZAU'S REPORT, THE DANES WERE TOLD BY A BELGIAN DELEGATION THAT KAMPUCHEA WAS PLANNING TO SET UP A REGULAR AIR ROUTE TO BANGKOK.

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